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THE BEGINNING OF CONSOLIDA-

The consolidation act passed by the General Assembly, under date of March 15, 1906, opens with this provision;

That whenever two cities coter-minous or attacent to each other desire to be consolidated with each other, or when one of such cities desires to annex or to be annexed to the other. ne municipal government, . . . it

nd so start the movement definitely

of 1910 will find Richmond with

XPERTS ON COMMITTEE GOVERN

irgely increased population.

other municipality in the United States swhich still preserves the committee form of government.

The declarations of the American Historical Association against council committees as efficient administrators came/ then, rather by way of confirmakion than surprise. Reason and experience alike teach that the committee as necessarify and not wantonly ineffl rient, and since it is not adapted to the Best administration possible. It ought

Take the Water Works, for example That property is worth \$3,500,000 which, at 4 per cent, should yield the people of Richmond \$140,000 a year Det that great business is finally con grolled and practically operated by a committee chosen from fifty-six Councilmen, none of whom need have the Blightest fitness for that work. Nor is this all. When a committeeman who is without special training finally acquires knowledge in the costly school of experience, he may retire from the Council, fail of re-election or of reappointment on the committee, and the tedious and expensive process of edu gating a new committeemah has to be gone over again. It is this absence of fixity that destroys the value of the committee as an administrator in mu-nicipal affairs, wille the fact that the erdinary voter has no voice in the ap-pointment of the committees frees those bodies from popular control, and makes them utterly irresponsible, so Yar as the public is concerned.

In the flume investigation, for example, suppose that the fault and loss are finally laid at the door of the Com mittee on Water, what redress will the yoters have? Who can the voters hold responsible? And how can they make that responsibility effective? Obviousby they can hold no one, seeing that The committee which let the flume congract is no longer in existence, having been superseded by a new committee

the new Council.

Moines, and its going has improved

Abingdon is, prospectively, the one wet spot in all Southwestern Virginia. It is, we believe, the one town where By Times-Dispatch Carrier Delivery Ser-the traveler via the Norfolk and West-bic in Richmond (and suburbs), Manches-ern Rallway may slake his thirst be-tween Bristol and Norfolk. Roanoke's drought was attained by a fairly narrow shave. Instead of the 416 majority which they claimed on the eve of the election, the anti-saloonists got only 86. In the smaller towns the So a sigh for the old year, decrepit A cheer for the new, and take heed to thi prohibition experience of the neigh-boring city of Danville seems, in hort, to have created anything but a reaction in Halifax county. So dryness proceeds. North Caro

lina and Alabama passed under Statewide prohibition yesterday. The have our Byrd law, and we have our option elections coming thick tast, and virtually all pointing in direction. Probably it will not deriv—chips the bottom of the picture, one direction. Probably it will not mine whether they will further follow

FORAKER AND TAFT. Senator Foraker sustained his repu tation as a fighter to the last. He signalized his retirement by pulling Heuston Post. sideration. The Burton following of the Republican party in Ohio.

powerful machine to put through a pair program with which the Intelligence of the party behind it was out of sym

The comments of the Newport News Press spon the Virginian Railway's order for locomotives seems to be based upon a misconception. This was not a case of the "equitable" distribution of business among branches of a trust. The Baldwin company, to which the bulk of the order was awarded on second thought, is not a member of the trust. It is an independent concern and the change in the allotment of the It is an independent concern order was to take business away from the American Locomotive Company, and give it to a competitive works,

It should be remembered on behalf of Castro, however, that he became an ex-President without having an African hunt "outfitted" for him, or attaching himself to the pay-rolls of any high-class periodicals.

An English novel has just been sup pressed by court order as being uniti for circulation. Doubtless it takes a Glyn to know just where the danger line is.

The London Chronicle gives to the elder Dumas credit for the longest sentence on record. We are prepared to wager, however, that Col. Abraham Ruef's will seem a lot longer to him.

We understand that the Richmond We understand that the Richmond life-preserving stations stand ready to ship mail orders to North Carolina with great dispatch, and labeled in such manner as their customers may desire

The correspondents seem to have gotten more considerate since the Thaw ase. They don't retail the detail any

Martin A. Knapp has just sworn in for another term on the Interstate Com-merce Commission. Here's hoping we'll never see Knappsacked.

According to the Boston Transcript, the press gallery in Washington num-bers 173 men. Statistics about the peanut gallery are not yet obtainable.

And yet Abe Ruef feared that he wouldn't get justice in San Francisco. The corollary is plain enough. The bills, bills!

Borrowed, Jingles

A NEW YEAR'S TOAST.

Let's drink a toast to the coming year;
A sigh for the old, for the new a cheer—
Take Joy as it comes, nor at sorrow repine,
In Nineteen-Nine.

city of Richmond might well direct its attention.

THE DRY WAVE.

And dwell in content—with a fair share of wealth— and then well be happy, I surely opine, In Nineteen-Nine.

May all our old friendships grow stronger and stronger.

And the new friends prove true as those we've known longer;

Let's enjoy, with old comrades, eld books and old wine

life,
And the bright star of love more bright may
ft shine
In Nineteen-Nine.

MERELY JOKING.

Jinks: "Is he so lary then?"
Binks: "Lary! Say, his motto is 'never
pur off till to-morrow what fou can get
somobody else to do for you to-day!"—
Chicago News. The Explanation.

Wife (in a hurry); "Oh, brother! Ping get away in the most mysterious manner," Hub: "My dean, one has to be sharp to match a pin. The reason they get away is because they are pointed one way and headed another."—Hoston Transcript.

Why Artists Sign Their Paintings.

"When you get to Washington, son, don you be afraid to work for the public service." "No, dad. It's the secret service I'm afraid of."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You were married in 1903, weren't you dear?"

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

PROPHIST SPANGLER wants to collect royalities on the Sicilian earthquake, on the ground that Italy is stealing his stuff.—New York Mail.

The late Claus Spreckels, who arrived in

The New Jersey prophet who recently pre-dicted that the world would come to un end, beginning with New Jersey, now hastens to explain that he gots his geography mixed. —Washington Post.

The citizens of Messina, no doubt, The citizens of Messian, no doubt, believe in Prophet Spangler.—Washington Herald.

Another one of "my policies" shelved!
Tatt has been to the theatre only once in twenty years and knows nothing of play-wriling.—Now York World.

The Hon. Richard Croker in the poultr business will no doubt find useful the little nest egg that he picked up while leader of Tammany Hall.—New York Tribune.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL,

The total population of the British empire over 400,000,000. There are 60,000 motor cars and auto-cycles in Great Britain at the present time. Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Denmark have siven the municipal franchise to wo-

Effort Would Be to Simply Shift Con-sumer's Burden.

There will be no popular approval of the proposition now being considered by the Ways and Means Committee at

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wentory is now being made, are illy to come upon the market ere los hey represent, according to expanding the second sec Chiese and Japanese, has been completed. The cost of the line is estimated at 9,000,000 tacks (one tact about 70 cents).

If H. Rogers has new ordered a \$20,000 ppair of brass doors and a font for his church in Fairhaven, Mass., and has given it a massive communion set in memory of his mother.

Edward H. Hyatt, superintendent of public instruction in California, is to ask the next Legislature to provide text-books for the public school children of that State at public expense.

A hig buck that has escaped and tantapilized the hunters of the Rangely region for years past was shot a week ago. Miss Elia Beal, a Phillips schoolight, Idd it with her little twenty-five-calibre rifle.

Miss Ross Becker has been appointed a claim agent and United States pension at circry in Misseuri. She has been known for years as one of the most successful women in St. Louis, being a notary public and an incurance agent.

Benjamin Franklin Clarke, professor emeritans of mechanical engineering at the Brown University, who shared with Prof. John Howard Appleton, the knore of being the oldest man on the faculty in point of years of service, died recently in Providence, R. I.

TAX ON COFFEE.

Effort Would Be to Simply Shift Consumer's Burden.

There will be no popular approval of the proposition now being considered by the Ways and Means Committee at Washington to impose a tax of 5 cents.

Seater Se

of Europe. The Prohibition Victory.

Now that the battle is fought and the verdict rendered let us take off our hats and acknowledge that the Antisaloon By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

Is Archduke John Alive?

L'THOUGH most people are disposed to regard the ex-Archduke John, who vanished as "John Orth" on a voyage around Cape Horn in 1890, as being no longer in the induction of the last being no longer in the whose bosom are hidden many of the whose bosom are hidden many of the secrets of the Hapsburg family, continues to believe in the possibility of his long-missing kinsman being still in existence.

This fact was brought to light in rather a strange manner the other day. Ex-Archduke Leopold, now a Swiss editzen of the name of Leopold worling, had occasion to bring suit in the Swiss courts against the editor of one of the Zurich newspapers for libe in the discussion of his domestic arrangements. During the course of the proceedings, Wolfling's lawyor, in response to inquiry by the court, de-

A Fertinent Admonision,

The election this fail will be important, and every registered voter should qualify himself for participation in that election. In the past few years too little regard has been paid to the privilege of citizenship and the duty imposed upon every individual to exercise shis privilege by taking part in the government to the extent of voting for men who are to administer.—Suffolk Evening Herald.

Says Reports of Size and Danger Are Sensational.

LABOR AND BOYCOTT.

struggle for better conditions among workers for wages. Arbitration, education of public opinion, appeal to the better side of human nature—all these are worthler means of advancing labors cause than ruthing an employer's business or restraining his freedom of trade.—Washington Herald.

RAILROAD BARNINGS.

Out of Each \$100 Earned Employes Get Out of each \$100 earned, \$40 went directly to employes on the payroll; \$8 paid for fuel, waste, oil and water, and \$7 out of the \$8 were a wage to labor required to produce these supplies. required to produce these supplies. Eighteen dollars bought steet radis, ties, ears, engines and other things required in the operation of a railroad, and of the \$18 approximately \$16 went to labor. Five dollars were spent on permanent improvements, again \$4 out of the \$5 going to labor. Other expenses took three dollars in taxes, \$2 in rent of terminals and \$14 went in interest on bonds. Of the balance, but \$9 went to the stockholders, the p6a owners, the sum representing less than 4 por cent, on the face value of the owners, the san topicsoling restriction of the stock, and the \$1 romaining was added to the surplus. Out of every \$100 earned, therefore, \$71 went to labor, directly or indirectly.—Harrisonburg Daily Times.

realization the athletic park scheme, there being at this time ten small parks in the Windy Oity that are utilized as free recreation grounds for the general public-Baltimore Ameri-

BENEFACTIONS OF 1968.

so wisely left to her philanthropic disposition.

So, thinking these things over, "behold how a good deed shines in a naughty world," and reflect, "This world's not half so had a world as some would like to make it."—Chicago Tribune,

THE PANAMA CANAL.

unibility for Errors, If Any Widely Distributed. Now it is evident that if a gigantic

Now it is evident that if a rigantic blunder has been committed in attempting to build a look canal, involving the construction of the immense Gatun Dam, the responsibility therefor is pretty widely distributed. It rests upon the shoulders of some of our ablest engineers; it must be assumed by the members of the Canal Commission of 1906, as well as by Mr. Taft and President Rooseveit; Congress had a most important part

THE CANAL PROBLEM.

Coming Investigation by Experts Means
Much to Taft and the Nation.

If the United States wishes to avoid
the colossal waste of public wealth
that the Panama project entailed upon
France, and also wishes to obviate
disaster, it will make the forthcoming
investigation both complete and final.

hody should not be made by Mr. Roose-velt, but should be left to Mr. Taft.—

New York Herald.

THE MINOR PARTIES. Concise Review of their Lates

Fulle Campaign.

The Independence party was evidently in advance of its opportunity and occessity, and its influence was rather ndirect than direct. The Socialist party in all its history never expended offerts, so gigantle and sustained. It

TO REMOVE DUTY ON BOOKS.

Modern Language Association Sends
Resolution to Congress.

After the reading of papers the Modern Language Association of America
closed its twenty-sixth annual convention in Princeton vesterday with the
adoption of the resolution patitioning
Congress to remove the duty on books
printed in foreign countries, works of
art and scientific instruments intended
for the private use of investigators.—
New York Herald.

Those Moving Picture Shows.

People of small means have just as much right to go to cheap shows as the righ have the right to pay fancy prices for entertainment.

But the proprietors of cheap shows have no more nivillers of using the.

A HAPPY HOME

Is one where health abounds With impure blood there cannot be good health. With a disordered LIVER theri cannot be good blood.

Tutt's Pills

A healthy LIVER means pure

Pure blood means health.

Health means happiness. Take no Substitute. All Druggists.

McKanna 3-Day Liquor Cure

Harmless, Sure, Permanent.

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ascertaining that error through disobedience of the injunction is to be
condomned. And condemnation of
this method should a remain even
though Mr. Gompers and his associates
eventually are pursed of legal contempt by the finding of higher courts
—Chicago Tribune.

THE PREROGATIVE OF THE HOUSE. House Shirks Its Duty, Subordinating

House Shirks Its Duty, Subordisating Itself to Senate.

The Constitution, clause 1, section 7, Article 1, provides that "All bills for raising revenue shall originate is the House of Representatives, but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments as on other bills."

In theory the public purse is in the keeping of the House of Representatives, and it was the design of the fathers to create a popular body in the legislation of the republic. But that intention has been signally defeated in the sequel, as is shown in every tariff bill since and inclusive of the "commission bill" of a quarter of a century ago, and many of those that preceded 1833, notably that of 1857.

The settled policy seems to be for the House to make a skeleton and send it to the Senate for flesh and blood and skim. Containly the Dingley law was so made, and so was the Wilson law, one by a Republican and

law was so made, and so was the Wil

that now makes it most serviceable to the President,—Boston Transcript.

and a score of orators in every locality.

The Prohibition party ought to have had a chance this year if every before in its history.

It was free-jey predicted that either of the older parties could care the country upon the incorporation of a prohibition plank in the platform. And yet the Prohibitionists fell to comparatively insignificant numbers in the November ballot. The People's party scarcely polled any votes outside of Georgia, the home of its condidate for President.

—New York American.

The First Husting in Texas.

Governor Campbell, of Texas, and nounces that ere the expiration of the New, Year the Lone Star State will be rid of every trust, and they will not allowed to compete with more virtuous concerns in that great Commonwealth. This is not exactly new, for some time ago the Standard Governor Campbell, of Texas, announces that ere the expiration of the New Year the Lone Star State will he rid of eyery trust, and they will not be allowed to compete with more virtuous concerns in that great Commonwealth. This is not exactly new, for some time ago the Standard Oli octopus was banished from Texas. Since then the Texas housekeeper has paid more for oil than her neighbors of Arkansas or Louisiana.—Baltimore American

American. That Gatun Dam Criticisms.
The suggestion that criticisms of
the Gatun Dam and its flights of locks
are made in the interest of the Nicaraguan route must be regarded as exraguan route must be regarded as ex-travegant. It is doubtful if any rh-tional person now cherishes the slight-est hope of an abandoment of Panama and a return to the Nicaragua route. Moreover, some of the most earnest critics of the Gatun project are dud have always been among the strongest advocates of Panama in preference to Nicaragua.—New York Tribune.